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The Honorable Jan Brewer Governor of Arizona 1700 West Washington Phoenix, AR 85007

Re. Arizona Law/N.C. House Bill

Dear Governor Brewer:

I would like to commend you on your position that you have taken to protect your citizens of Arizona. As a North Carolina Sheriff, I have told our citizens here, what happens on the borders can affect our communities.

In our country, I understand that 90% of the Cocaine, Marijuana, and Meth. that is produced and imported will cross our U.S./Mexican border. In Mexico just below our border, there is a war raging and too many lives have been lost to the drug cartels fighting against the federal authorities and the military. It seems like it is only a matter of time before this fighting will cross the U.S. Border. It is my hope that the U.S. Congress and this President will do the right thing and commit support to all of our southern border states.

Governor like you, I believe that in order to better protect our citizens we need to start protecting at all of our borders and ports of entry. In North Carolina, State Representative, Brian Holloway has discussed with me a bill that is titled the "Arizona" law which was filed a few weeks ago. It is suppose to mirror your current law.

During my past thirty years in law enforcement and during my time in the military, I observed situations and experienced many dangers while working. Over the past few years, I have followed activities occurring along the Southern border of the U.S.

In the next few months, I am hoping to travel to the State of Arizona to hopefully have the opportunity first hand to observe and maybe ride along with some of the law enforcement officers there, and possibly the U.S. Border Patrol. A working trip like this could help me to better understand what challenges you are facing now, and what challenges we might face with illegal immigration in our future back home in North Carolina.

I again appreciate your efforts in correcting this most serious problem facing our great nation today.

Sincerely,

Samuel S. Page, Sheriff